

Land, TX, for making it to the final round in the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge.

Amirthalingam, a 14-year-old student at Travis High School, was named one of the top 10 students in the nation for taking on a global challenge: water conservation. She was the only student from Texas to make it this far in the competition. Meeha was inspired when she learned of the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa, and made it her mission to make water preservation a simpler task. When she was in eighth grade, she developed a toilet flushing system that uses both fresh and recycled water, which reduces water consumption.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Meeha Amirthalingam for becoming a finalist in the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge. We look forward to seeing what she will accomplish in the future.

**'BEL SANCHEZ RECEIVES 2018
HISPANIC HERO AWARD**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 'Bel Sanchez of Alvin Community College for receiving the 2018 Hispanic Hero Award from Comcast Houston.

Sanchez was one of only ten recipients of this award, which she received for her commitment to making a difference through mentorship, volunteerism, civic engagement and advocacy. She has served on the ACC Board of Regents since 2008. Previously, Sanchez was an educator with Alvin ISD for 30 years and has volunteered for many local boards including the Thelma Ley Anderson YMCA, Red Cross of Brazoria County, Soroptimist International of Alvin, Alpha Delta Gamma and the United Way of Brazoria County. She was the district's first director of bilingual and ESL programs and was named Alvin's Citizen of the year in 2013. Alvin ISD has also named an elementary school in her honor. 'Bel credits her parents for their instruction and wise life lessons, where they felt they were doing the Lord's work through helping out their fellow man.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to 'Bel Sanchez on receiving the Hispanic Hero Award from Comcast Houston. I thank her for her commitment to our students.

**JERRY HODGE NAMED RUNNER-UP
FOR NATIONAL EDUCATOR OF
THE YEAR**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry Hodge of Stafford, TX for being one of three national runner-up winners for the 3rd annual National Educator of the Year Award from Edmentum.

Jerry Hodge has worked in education since 1997 and has been with Stafford MSD for the

last seven years. She is an instructor at the Stafford High School's Alternative Education Program, SHS Quest Academy, which serves students who have been repeatedly unsuccessful in a traditional classroom setting. The award is given every year and seeks out Edmentum educators who go above and beyond for their students. Jerry spends countless hours helping students, even going beyond the district recommended time, and visits students at home to help encourage attendance. She makes it a priority to meet with potential graduates and the overall success rate of her program has increased to an impressive 91 percent.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Ms. Jerry Hodge. I thank her for her commitment to our Stafford MSD students. We look forward to seeing her accomplishments in the future.

**TRIBUTE TO CAROL AND THE
LATE DON BREMER**

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions that Carol and the late Don Bremer have provided to our community of Big Bear Lake as they are awarded the 2018 Humanitarian Award.

After studying to be educators at Wayne State College, the late Don Bremer and his wife Carol Bremer honorably served our country throughout the Korean conflict. The Bremer's spirit for public service progressed through their service as educators and administrators for over thirty-five years. Their experience within military, education and public service only flamed their charitable hearts leading them to establish a Charitable Foundation and create over six endowed annual scholarships; all while engaging and participating in multiple philanthropic organizations. Don and Carol are most recognized for their participation throughout Big Bear Lake with various, fundraisers and community projects including the yearly Big Bear Homecoming Royalty Parade where Don enjoyed towing the float in his 1968 Corvette convertible. Most recently, Don and Carol raised over \$110,000.00 to fix and upgrade our local hospital's patient rooms.

The Bremer's are a shining beacon of charity throughout Big Bear and Southern California and it is with sadness that I learn Don's passing, may his contributions live onward and thank you Carol Bremer for being an exceptional wife, mother and member of our community.

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD CATHOLIC
SCHOOL OPENS IN KATY,
TEXAS**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Epiphany of the Lord Catholic School in Katy, TX on opening their doors.

Epiphany of the Lord Catholic School opened to students on August 16, after four years of hard work, fundraising, and careful planning. Denny Dillinger, the development board co-chair has stated the project began four years ago, with 12–18 months of periodic fundraisers. Currently, there are just over 90 students, but 100 are expected on their first day. The faculty consists of 14 teachers, two in prekindergarten, two in kindergarten and one teacher per classes 1–4. The plan is to add at least one grade each year over the next three to four years until they get to eighth grade. The Epiphany School will boast a library, music room, STEM lab and science lab. The church hopes to provide a faith-based alternative to public schools, with a dedication to faith, and knowledge and compassion being at the forefront of their curriculum.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Epiphany Church for opening the Epiphany of the Lord Catholic School.

**LENNY GARCIA EARNS LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lenny Garcia of Alvin, TX for winning the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (TISCA).

Garcia was the head swim coach at Alvin High School between 1981 and 2013 and is a two-time region coach of the year. He is known for his willingness to give each and every student an opportunity and was instrumental in their development in and out of the pool. Over the years, many of his swim and water polo teams advanced to regional and state competitions. Mr. Garcia and his wife Vicky direct the Annual BENezy Purple Monkey Fun Run, which celebrates the life of their late son Ben. He is also an active volunteer at the Alvin YMCA, the Alvin Senior Center and the Upward Bound program at Alvin Community College and Salvation Army. Lenny will receive his award at the TISCA luncheon on September 15.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Lenny Garcia for winning the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association. We thank him for his continued service and dedication to our students and Alvin community.

**LAMAR CISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NAMED 2018 TEXAS HONOR
SCHOOL BOARD**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lamar CISD Board of Trustees for being selected as one of the Honor School Boards as part of the 2018 Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) School Board